On December 19th, seven students received parking tickets for leaving their cars in the cul-de-sac just off of Little Avenue. The fine was only $25, but the price was not what had students talking the next day.

Parking on Little has been an issue for what seems like forever. Every graduating class has had their own complaints and concerns with the situation, yet the matter has never been resolved.

Those who received the parking tickets that afternoon were violating traffic laws, since there is a no parking sign near the entrance to the cul-de-sac, but the students have a valid argument.

The question is, where else are students supposed to park? The faculty’s usual answer is a simple, “Get here earlier,” but this does not remotely resemble a solution. If all students arrive earlier, many will still be left without a place to park.

Also, as long as Catholic’s population continues to grow, the problem is only going to worsen. There have been rumors of a parking deck in the future, but the plans remain hazy and it’s impossible to know when such a deck will actually be built.

Some students who received tickets, such as junior Ana Waits, believe there are measures that could be taken immediately to resolve the issue.

“Sophomores should not be parking on Little. That should be an upperclassmen privilege because most of the people who park on Little now are sophomores and there’s never any room for us,” Waits said.

Another solution proposed by the students came from junior Catherine Crotty who would be willing to pay to park somewhere near campus.

“The shopping centers and the old library have tons of parking spaces during the day. The school should work something out with them so that we can have more parking. Even if it meant I had to pay, I would do it,” said Crotty.

In the future, it would be ideal if parking on Little was no longer necessary, not only because it’s a hassle, but because the road isn’t safe to begin with. The speed limit on the road is much too fast and multiple accidents have occurred in the past, many of them involving students.

Most recently, a sophomore was hit by an oncoming car while attempting to walk across Little. The student was unharmed, but the incident should never have occurred in the first place. A cross walk or school zone signs should be placed on the road, warning drivers that extra caution needs to be taken on Little during the school week.

Further problems arise from the fact that Little is not reserved for student parking, but is open to anyone. People living in the apartments occasionally park their own cars on Little, and on some days students are deprived of multiple spaces by a huge truck parked right on the road.

“The truck takes up almost three spaces when it’s there! I’m never early enough to park there anyways, but it’s still annoying to see that,” Waits said.

Students are beginning to get fed up with the hassle of parking on Little each morning, and at this point, any solution would be warmly welcomed by sophomores and juniors alike.